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In re Application of:

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For: ELECTRIC BLOWER AND VACUUM CLEANER USING SAME

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006 in the above application.

ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the invention of Group I are 1, 4-20, 23, 24 and 26.

The applicant hereby reserves all rights to the non-elected subject matter.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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